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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Jouko KARHUNEN et al.
Serial No.: 09/403,912
Filed: October 28, 1999
For: **METHOD AND EQUIPMENT FOR
ATTENUATION OR OSCILLATION
IN A PAPER MACHINE OR IN A
PAPER FINISHING DEVICE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 22, 1999

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with the corresponding International Application and during the prosecution of the corresponding Finnish priority application. A copy of each reference is submitted herewith.

An English-language translation of German Patent No. DE 43224595 is not available at this time, however, an English-language Abstract of this reference is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by reference to the English-language Abstract and the figures of the patent.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on November 22, 1999.
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Further, it is pointed out that EPO 0819638A2 corresponds to Canadian Patent No. 2210935, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and therefore no fee is due for its submission.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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